

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Majid AlBassam on September 13, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims

Claim 9: line 5, "substantially in-line" has been changed to --in communication with--.

Claim ¹⁷~~14~~: line 12, --to guide air-- has been inserted after "rotor".

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicant's arguments filed May 29, 2007 are persuasive. Particularly, regarding claim 8, the examiner agrees with Applicant's arguments that the combination of Christian and Mackmann fails to disclose or suggest "an air passage for guiding air in an axial direction from one end of the reducer to another end is formed in an outer peripheral surface of the reducer casing", this in combination with the rest of the limitations in the claim. Regarding claim 17, the examiner agrees with Applicant's arguments that Christian fails to disclose or suggest that "mounting flanges that have a substantially circular plate shape and are capable of relative rotation with respect to the roller body